

REMARKS
SPECIFICATION

A new abstract has been included shortened to less than 150 words as required.

A new paragraph for that on page 7, lines 11-16 corrects the description of Fig. 2 consistent with the replacement drawing.

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The duplicate reference number referred to by the Examiner has been corrected. The division in the tray shown on Fig. 2 has been renumbered "17."

The misspelling of the word "Remove" on the continuation page of Figure 11 does not appear on applicant's copy of this page; however, a replacement sheet showing correct spelling of "Remove" is enclosed. A second replacement sheet is enclosed showing the corrected number "17" applied to the tray division.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 1 was objected to, the Examiner stating that it was unclear what the mold form is of. This claim has been amended to recite "a mold form of the desired tooth" which is believed to meet this objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that claims 9 and 14 contained trademarks. Claims 9 and 14 are both independent claims and both have been amended to delete the trademarks. The claims were considered to be allowable if amended to overcome the above rejection which has been done as set forth above. It is believed that claims 9-14 are now allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §102 & 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 15 and 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Kramer Primas et al (U.S. P.N. 5,906,490).

Claim 16 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but was considered allowable if rewritten in independent form including the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 16 so claim 15 is now believed to be allowable.

Line 6 of claim 15 has also been amended to add "of the tooth" which is believed to clarify a possible indefiniteness. Claims 17 and 18 are now dependent upon claim 15, as amended, so these claims are now believed to be allowable.

Certain errors in numbering and typographical errors have been corrected herein.

In claim 6, step d) has been corrected to recite "a thin layer of..."; after the second line of step f) the word "and" has been inserted.

In claim 9, step g now refers to "27 in. of Hg

in claim 14, step b) now refers to a "mold form;" the spelling of "leaving" has been corrected in step e); and step i) has been amended to recite "repeating steps g) and h)."

It is believed that the above amendments remove all the issues in the application and that it can pass to issue. Further and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: 2 sheets replacement drawings

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